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However, no primary election will take place for city council positions in Bowling Green because neither political party filed more than one candidate for each position. The election between the Republican and Democratic candidates will take place in November 2009.

## Funding cut for student organizations across campus

The current economic downturn has left SBC allocating less money to student groups

By Courtney Flynn  
Reporter

Funding is down in all areas at the University and the Student Budget Committee has not been excluded from losing funding and cutting student organizations' funding for the 2009-2010 school year.

There are over 300 student organizations registered with the Office of Campus Activities, and of that, about 186 applied for funding for the 2009-2010 school year, said Philip Wolf, Student Budget Committee co-chair.

The SBC is a recommending body of 11 students which allocates funds based on the amount

of money the administration has decided to allocate to all student organizations. The funds used for student organization funding are from a percentage of the general fee students pay, Wolf said.

"We are given a set number of funds which we can allocate at the beginning of the year," Wolf said.

This year the SBC received funding requests totaling about \$1.2 million, but only has \$400,000 in funds to allocate for the next school year, Wolf said.

"Our goal was to be as transparent and fair as possible," Wolf said.

The organizations that saw the most significant cuts in funding for the next year and will see an even

larger cut for the following year, are the organizations associated with the musical arts.

There are about 13 musical student organizations that will receive partial funding for next year and nothing for the 2010 to 2011 school year, Wolf said.

These music student organizations are losing funding because they are associated with an academic class.

The SBC policy states that student organizations associated with a class shall not receive funding from the SBC because the col-

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## TIME TO VOTE

The cell phone ban to be voted on today could cost talkative drivers up to \$150 if caught

By Freddy Hunt  
Editor-in-Chief

Talk too much on the cell phone and expect a fee from the service provider. Talk at all while driving through the city of Bowling Green and chatty drivers could expect a \$150 fine from city.

Today, Bowling Green voters have the chance to vote on an ordinance that would ban the use of cell phones while operating a vehicle. The ordinance was voted on the ballot by city council in mid-April.

City Councilman Bob McOmber said the ban was proposed based on a national and international trend.

Five states — California, Connecticut, Washington, New York and New Jersey — and nearly 45 countries have initiated a cell phone ban for vehicle operators, McOmber said. Some states, like Ohio, allow local governments to decide on an ordinance. Washington, D.C., Chicago, Detroit, Santa Fe, N.M., and Philadelphia are some major cities that have adopted a city-wide ban. Cleveland passed a ban on text messaging while driving last month.

The first city in the country to pass a ban on cell phone use while behind the wheel was Brooklyn, Ohio, in 1999 — not a surprise coming from the safety conscious city that also passed the first mandatory seatbelt ordinance. Both laws are proudly showcased to passersby on

### THE CELL PHONE BAN

- Would ban dialing, listening, talking, texting or inputting information into phone device while operating a vehicle
- Emergency situations, parked vehicles and handsfree devices are exempt
- Signs about the ordinance would be posted at city limits
- Would not be enforced on 1-75
- Would be a primary offense with a penalty up to \$150

signage at the city's major entrances.

During the first year Brooklyn enacted the law, violators barely received a slap on the wrist. If offenders weren't let off the hook with a warning, Brooklyn City Councilwoman Cathy Puccio said they were issued a fine of only \$3.

"When we passed it we didn't look at it as a penalty," she said, "we looked at it as a way to educate people of the hazard of driving while on the telephone."

A grace period to educate drivers of the ordinance would be the likely protocol in Bowling Green if the ordinance passes, said Lt. Tony Hetrick, of the Bowling Green Police Division.

"It's not uncommon for us to pro-

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If passed, the city school levy will raise taxes that will help 'maintain the school district's financial stability'

By Lin Chafetz  
Reporter

One of the issues voters in Bowling Green will be voting on today is the city school levy.

Rhonda Melchi, treasurer of Bowling Green City Schools, said if the levy passes it will raise the income tax fee for the city schools from one half percent to one percent.

"The money will go towards the operation of the school systems," she said. "We are projecting a deficit in the next few years."

The last time Bowling Green had a school levy passed was in 2005. Hugh Caumartin, superintendent of Bowling Green City Schools, said it's customary for school districts to have a levy on a ballot every few years.

"In Bowling Green we haven't received any extra state money since

### THE SCHOOL LEVY

- Levy would increase income tax fee for city schools from one-half percent to 1 percent
- Last school levy passed was in 2005
- Bowling Green City Schools was one of four school districts in Wood and Lucas counties to earn a perfect score out of 30 categories
- 162 Ohio school districts have a levy on the ballot today

1998, and we have to deal with inflation," he said. "The only place we can find that money is locally."

Caumartin said he hopes the levy, if passed, will help maintain the

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# Senators want next justice to have wide experience

By Douglass K. Daniel  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's search to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter should extend beyond the current roster of federal judges, senators from both political parties said yesterday.

"I would like to see more people from outside the judicial monastery, somebody who has had some real-life experience, not just as a judge," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings when Obama makes his nomination.

Noting that all nine justices came directly from the federal appeals court, senators on the committee said someone with a wider breadth of experience would be a plus.

When he was discussing the qualities he would seek in Souter's successor, Obama said last week he wanted someone with empathy for average Americans. Conservatives fear that means the president would consider "judicial activists" for the seat.

Leahy said he expects the next justice to be confirmed by the court's new term in October and that the president will consult with lawmakers from both parties.

"I would like to see, certainly, more women on the court. Having only one woman on the Supreme Court does not reflect the makeup of the United States. I think we should have more women. We should have more minorities," Leahy said.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a committee member who last week switched from the Republican to the Democratic Party, suggested someone in the mold of a statesman or stateswoman, and said he could imagine a nominee who was not a lawyer, if that a person had the right credentials.



**HEADING OUT:** In this Sept. 3, 1990, file photo, Supreme Court justice nominee David Souter is sworn in before testifying to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, for his confirmation hearings.



**MAKING A CHANGE:** In this June 7, 2007, file photo, a pump handle for E85 fuel is shown at a gas station in Albany, N.Y. President Barack Obama's commitment to take on climate change and put science over politics is about to be tested as his administration faces a politically sensitive question about the widespread use of ethanol. Does it help or hurt the fight against global warming?

## Ethanol to test Obama White House on climate change, science

By H. Josef Hebert  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's commitment to take on climate change and put science over politics is about to be tested as his administration faces a politically sensitive question about the widespread use of ethanol: Does it help or hurt the fight against global warming?

The Environmental Protection Agency is close to proposing ethanol standards. But two years ago, when Congress ordered a huge increase in ethanol use, lawmakers also told the agency to show that ethanol would produce less pollution linked to global warming than would gasoline.

So how will the EPA define greenhouse gas emissions from ethanol production and use? Given the political clout of farm interests, will the science conflict with the politics?

Environmentalists, citing various studies and scientific papers, say the agency must factor in more than just the direct, heat-trapping pollution from ethanol and its production. They also point to "indirect" impacts on global warming from worldwide changes in land use, including climate-threatening deforestation, as land is cleared to plant corn or other ethanol crops.

Ethanol manufacturers and agriculture interests contend the fallout from potential land use changes in the future, especially those outside the United States, have not been adequately proven or even quantified, and

should not count when the EPA calculates ethanol's climate impact.

"It defies common sense that EPA would publish a proposed rule-making with harmful conclusions for biofuels based on incomplete science and inaccurate assumptions," complained Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

He was one of 12 farm-state senators, both Democrats and Republicans, who wrote EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in March, urging the agency to stick to assessing only the direct emissions.

Ethanol, which in the future may come from cellulosic sources such as switchgrass and wood chips, is promoted by its advocates as a "green" substitute for gasoline that will help the U.S. reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, especially foreign oil. That transition is a priority of the Obama White House.

In 2007, Congress ordered huge increases in ethanol use, requiring refiners to blend 20 billion gallons with gasoline by 2015 and a further expansion to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022.

Congress said any fuel produced in plants built after 2007 must emit 20 percent less in greenhouse gases than gasoline if it comes from corn, and 60 percent less if from cellulosic crops.

Meeting the direct emissions would not be a problem. But if indirect emissions from expected land use changes are included, ethanol probably would fail the test.

Nathaniel Greene, director of renewable energy policy at the Natural Resources Defense

Council, an environmental advocacy group, said that wouldn't mean the end of ethanol.

Ethanol from existing production facilities is grandfathered and "there are ways to produce advanced ethanol that would comply with the greenhouse thresholds," even using land use climate impacts if the industry chose to adopt them, Greene said.

But farm interests and their allies in Congress are pushing to get the EPA to at least postpone any consideration of the land-use impacts issue, arguing the science surrounding the issue is uncertain.

The senators' letter said that an overreaching regulation by EPA on ethanol's link to climate change "could seriously harm our U.S. biofuels growth strategy by introducing uncertainty and discouraging future investments."

Environmentalists say there have been enough studies on the indirect impact of ethanol on greenhouse pollution to justify the science.

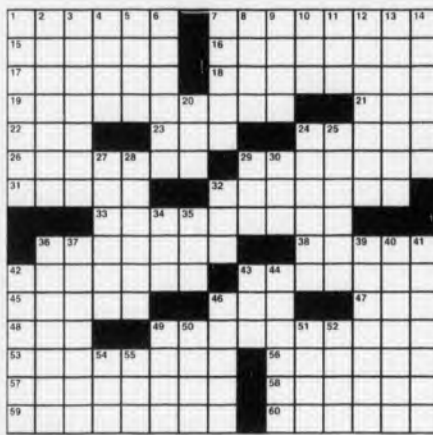
Ignoring the indirect impacts "will undermine the environmental benefits" of the renewable fuels program "and set a poor precedent for any future policies attempting to reduce global warming pollution," 17 environmental group wrote Jackson in response to the senator's plea.

Greene said the EPA's handling of the ethanol rule will be a "a test of our ability to follow sound science" even when it conflicts with the interests of powerful interests.

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- 1 Playboy's founder, fondly  
2 Fauna starter?  
3 Tin Tin  
4 Picked up the tab  
5 Football kick  
6 Rabbit residence  
7 The Moor of Venice  
8 Journalist Jacob August  
9 Piercing cry  
10 Abe Lincoln's boy  
11 Snow  
12 Watery expanse  
13 Handle capably  
18 Husky-voiced  
21 Quito's country  
22 "The Silver Streak" co-star  
23 Comet heads  
24 Stow  
27 Only fair  
29 Afternoon show  
31 Element fig.  
34 majesty  
36 Spills the beans  
37 Start  
39 Factual  
41 Pass through a membrane

### ACROSS

- 1 ABCs  
7 Banter  
15 Depth charge, slangily  
16 Magnetite et al.  
17 dream: optimist's philosophy  
18 One shivering atop Mount Ararat?  
19 Tool in a Belfast bakery?  
21 Vous, in Weimar  
22 Pester for payment  
23 Follower of Christ?  
24 Alma  
26 Polished  
29 Of no value  
31 Houston team affiliated with the NHL's Minnesota Wild  
32 The Boss's address?  
33 Desperate farmer's transaction?  
36 Distant  
38 Catcher with a pot  
42 Actress Francis and others  
43 Military exercise

- 45 Sees  
46 Netflix rental  
47 "Gimme a \_"  
48 "Here \_ Again" (Whitesnake #1 hit)  
49 Abbey resident in a rock-'n'-roll musical?  
53 Serious Frisbee thrower?  
56 Work too hard  
57 Dinner alternative  
58 Blush  
59 Allure  
60 Covers with crumbs

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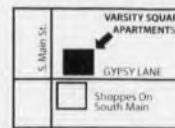
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- The Bowling Green City School District wants a new 1 percent income tax to fund school operating expenses. If passed, it will commence in 2010 and last five years.  
- The city of Bowling Green will be deciding whether texting or talking on a cell phone while in a vehicle will be outlawed.

However, no primary election will take place for city council positions in Bowling Green because neither political party filed more than one candidate for each position. The election between the Republican and Democratic candidates will take place in November 2009.

## Funding cut for student organizations across campus

The current economic downturn has left SBC allocating less money to student groups

By Courtney Flynn  
Reporter

Funding is down in all areas at the University and the Student Budget Committee has not been excluded from losing funding and cutting student organizations' funding for the 2009-2010 school year.

There are over 300 student organizations registered with the Office of Campus Activities, and of that, about 186 applied for funding for the 2009-2010 school year, said Philip Wolf, Student Budget Committee co-chair.

The SBC is a recommending body of 11 students which allocates funds based on the amount

of money the administration has decided to allocate to all student organizations. The funds used for student organization funding are from a percentage of the general fee students pay, Wolf said.

"We are given a set number of funds which we can allocate at the beginning of the year," Wolf said.

This year the SBC received funding requests totaling about \$1.2 million, but only has \$400,000 in funds to allocate for the next school year, Wolf said.

"Our goal was to be as transparent and fair as possible," Wolf said.

The organizations that saw the most significant cuts in funding for the next year and will see an even

larger cut for the following year, are the organizations associated with the musical arts.

There are about 13 musical student organizations that will receive partial funding for next year and nothing for the 2010 to 2011 school year, Wolf said.

These music student organizations are losing funding because they are associated with an academic class.

The SBC policy states that student organizations associated with a class shall not receive funding from the SBC because the col-

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## TIME TO VOTE

The cell phone ban to be voted on today could cost talkative drivers up to \$150 if caught

By Freddy Hunt  
Editor-in-Chief

Talk too much on the cell phone and expect a fee from the service provider. Talk at all while driving through the city of Bowling Green and chatty drivers could expect a \$150 fine from city.

Today, Bowling Green voters have the chance to vote on an ordinance that would ban the use of cell phones while operating a vehicle. The ordinance was voted on the ballot by city council in mid-April.

City Councilman Bob McOmber said the ban was proposed based on a national and international trend.

Five states — California, Connecticut, Washington, New York and New Jersey — and nearly 45 countries have initiated a cell phone ban for vehicle operators, McOmber said. Some states, like Ohio, allow local governments to decide on an ordinance. Washington, D.C., Chicago, Detroit, Santa Fe, N.M., and Philadelphia are some major cities that have adopted a city-wide ban. Cleveland passed a ban on text messaging while driving last month.

The first city in the country to pass a ban on cell phone use while behind the wheel was Brooklyn, Ohio, in 1999 — not a surprise coming from the safety conscious city that also passed the first mandatory seatbelt ordinance. Both laws are proudly showcased to passersby on

### THE CELL PHONE BAN

- Would ban dialing, listening, talking, texting or inputting information into phone device while operating a vehicle
- Emergency situations, parked vehicles and handsfree devices are exempt
- Signs about the ordinance would be posted at city limits
- Would not be enforced on 1-75
- Would be a primary offense with a penalty up to \$150

signage at the city's major entrances.

During the first year Brooklyn enacted the law, violators barely received a slap on the wrist. If offenders weren't let off the hook with a warning, Brooklyn City Councilwoman Cathy Puccio said they were issued a fine of only \$3.

"When we passed it we didn't look at it as a penalty," she said, "we looked at it as a way to educate people of the hazard of driving while on the telephone."

A grace period to educate drivers of the ordinance would be the likely protocol in Bowling Green if the ordinance passes, said Lt. Tony Hetrick, of the Bowling Green Police Division.

"It's not uncommon for us to pro-

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If passed, the city school levy will raise taxes that will help maintain the school district's financial stability

By Lin Chafetz  
Reporter

One of the issues voters in Bowling Green will be voting on today is the city school levy.

Rhonda Melchi, treasurer of Bowling Green City Schools, said if the levy passes it will raise the income tax fee for the city schools from one half percent to one percent.

"The money will go towards the operation of the school systems," she said. "We are projecting a deficit in the next few years."

The last time Bowling Green had a school levy passed was in 2005. Hugh Caumartin, superintendent of Bowling Green City Schools, said it's customary for school districts to have a levy on a ballot every few years.

"In Bowling Green we haven't received any extra state money since

### THE SCHOOL LEVY

- Levy would increase income tax fee for city schools from one-half percent to 1 percent
- Last school levy passed was in 2005
- Bowling Green City Schools was one of four school districts in Wood and Lucas counties to earn a perfect score out of 30 categories.
- 162 Ohio school districts have a levy on the ballot today.

1998, and we have to deal with inflation," he said. "The only place we can find that money is locally."

Caumartin said he hopes the levy, if passed, will help maintain the

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## BLOTTER

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

12:06 P.M.

Complainant reported an unknown subject threw a rock and broke the back passenger side window of his vehicle, causing \$400 in damages.

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vide some sort of grace period to educate the public," Hetrick said. "We've done that with new stop signs. ... We're not about writing tickets for everybody; we also want to educate people."

If the ordinance is passed in Bowling Green, McOmber said signage will be posted at all major entrances of the city. However, passersby traveling on the interstate won't need to worry about hitting ignore on their handhelds.

"We won't enforce it — even attempt to enforce it — on I-75," McOmber said.

The \$3 educational period is long over in Brooklyn. Today, chat-happy drivers are liable to getting slapped with a fine up to \$105.

Increasing the penalty, however, has not decreased the number of offenders. Brooklyn Clerk of Courts Grace Mustro said the number of ticketed drivers has been increasing, likely because of the popularity of handheld devices.

In 2000, the first full year the ordinance was enacted, Mustro said 292 tickets were issued to drivers using cell phones. In 2005, the number reached 404 and peaked in 2006 with 613 tickets issued. Last year, 370 tickets were issued to drivers using their cell phones in Brooklyn.

But when compared to Bowling Green, which has a population of

## CORRECTION

### POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

29,636 people, Brooklyn's population of 11,586 people is nearly three times smaller, according to the city's Web site.

Attorney Steve Spitzer, of Bowling Green, said he thinks Bowling Green courts would see more offenders than Brooklyn, but not only because it triples the population. Unlike Brooklyn, Spitzer said Bowling Green has a large university with nearly 18,000 students who love chatting on their cell phones.

Bowling Green City Councilman Mike Frost doesn't believe the students make much of a difference.

"I travel up and down I-75 every day and believe me, everyone is talking on their cell phones," he said. "Heck, my dad has one and he's 78 years old."

Although Frost agrees that using a cell phone while behind the wheel is dangerous, he voted against the ordinance, which made it onto the ballot by a 5-2 vote.

"I don't believe people should be talking on their cell phones while driving, but I don't think it's a good idea for Bowling Green to essentially be kind of a stand-alone municipality in a cell phone ban," he said. "In my mind, it's a broader issue than that, at the state level."

New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois, in addition to Ohio, leave it up to their cities to make the rules of the road.

Based on dozens of studies, McOmber said banning cell phones

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lege the class is associated with is supposed to be responsible for the funding. However, this policy has not been significantly enforced until this year's budget hearings, Wolf said.

"We had to reevaluate the situation due to the budget cuts affecting the SBC funds and the University," he said. "We decided it is a conflict of interest and we can no longer [provide funding]. It is up to the musical arts to do it in the future."

One music student organization that has had its funding significantly decreased because of its association with academics is the HeeBeeBGs.

The HeeBeeBGs is a small a cappella chamber ensemble of the University's Men's Chorus that is associated with a one credit hour vocal lab. A music education major is required to complete at least six credit hours of large ensemble music labs.

The funding the HeeBeeBGs has received in the past from the SBC has been put towards helping the group grow and touring expenses, HeeBeeBG's President Eric Watts said.

"For them to not even give us a chance to apply for funding next year is what really surprised me," he said.

Even though their funding is supposed to be cut for this coming school year the HeeBeeBGs received more than in the past,

Watts said. He also said they currently have a budget of about \$1,800 and plan to apply for spot funding.

In order to receive spot funding, the registered student organization may submit a request that does not exceed \$1,000 to earn additional funding that was not anticipated during the annual funding hearing. These hearings occur periodically throughout the academic year and funding is granted to organizations that complete the requirements, according to the SBC Funding Web site.

Other student organizations have lost funding because of their score. Each year student organizations that apply for funding are given a score based on their contracts, budget hearing attendance

and monthly budget meetings with an advisor from the previous year.

If an organization has not fully met these requirements they are subject to lose a certain percentage of their funding after their annual budget has been decided upon, Wolf said.

"This score does not affect the initial amount of their annual funding," Wolf said. "Only after the initial funding has been granted will the score bring down their funding."

One organization that lost funding because of this was the Environmental Action Group, according to Laura Winebarger, the group's president.

To learn more on the SBC's policies and allocation of funds, visit their Web site at [www.bgsu.edu/downloads/sa/file23499.pdf](http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/sa/file23499.pdf).

## GRANT

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growth of [co-op and internship] experiences, better tracking, more training, greater external engagement, and a clear and defined role for faculty," according to the report.

"[Members of the task force] looked, and we inventoried every single program on campus very, very thoroughly," Piersol said.

Piersol said the committee realized that the College of Technology has "the only 'pure' co-op program on campus."

"Others were pretty wowed about what our standards are and what's expected," he said.

Piersol said the College of Technology's cooperative education program is one of 10 other schools' programs in the nation to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Cooperative Education. All majors in the college are required to participate in three co-ops.

"We're going to use our college we hope ... as the model that others can follow," Piersol said. "If we're awarded funds ... we're going to work hard at getting other programs and departments to instead of making [co-op and internship programs] optional, to make [them] required."

Piersol said the University administrators and faculty

involved in the grant application process "want to make people aware of what potential this has to an undergraduate's success."

"We would like to be able to explain and train and make other programs that aren't doing co-ops aware of the process in which to do that to integrate that into their curricula," he said.

The Cooperative Education and Internship Program, which is run by staff in the University's Career Center, "places about the same number of students per year that we do," Piersol said. He explained that in 2008 the CEIP and the College of Technology's co-op program each placed about 750 students in internships and co-ops.

JoAnn Kroll, executive director of the Career Center, said being able to offer more internship and co-op opportunities would be "wonderful news for Bowling Green students in many ways." She said students would have more opportunities to apply their classroom learning, "develop valuable relationships and connections with employers that could lead to full-time employment opportunities," and earn additional money, among other benefits.

Piersol said the state is supposed to notify the Office of the Provost about whether the University will receive the grant by July 1.

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	<b>ENG 3420</b>	<b>9 am-12 pm MTWRF</b>
	HDFS 4230	1-4 pm MTWRF
	MGMT 3610	6-9 pm MTWRF
	<b>PSYC 3100</b>	<b>9:30 am-12:30 pm MTWRF</b>
	<b>SOC 1010</b>	<b>1-4 pm MTWRF</b>
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	FN 2070	6-9 pm MTR
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	GSW 1120	Web-based Course
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	HIST 1520	Web-based Course
	<b>HIST 2060</b>	<b>6-9 pm TWR</b>
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	<b>MATH 95</b>	<b>1-4 pm TWR</b>
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	<b>MATH 1150</b>	<b>1-4 pm TWR</b>

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	POLS 1710	8:30-11:30 am MWR
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	GSW 1120	10 am-12 pm MWF
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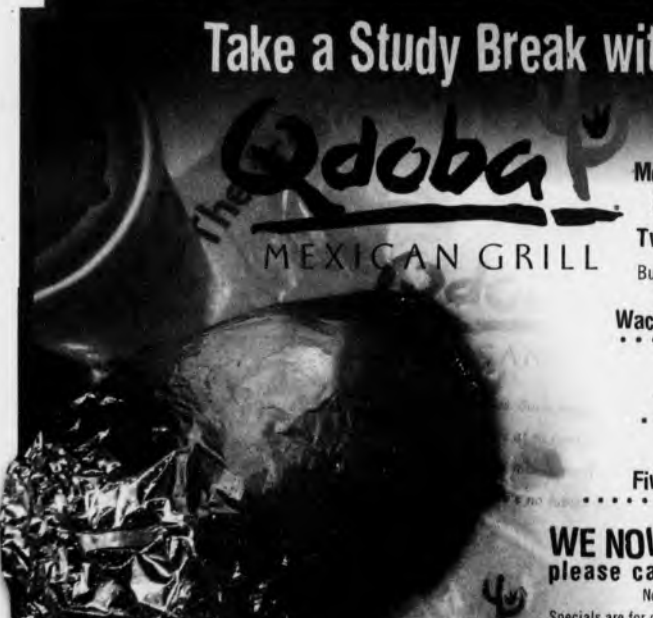
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	MATH 1220	9 am-12 pm TWR
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# University to further develop architecture programs this fall

By Kate Snyder  
Assistant Campus Editor

This summer, architecture students will have their own department, and for the upcoming school year, students will have the option to graduate with a degree in architecture. A master's program in architecture is tentatively

scheduled to begin in 2011.

These changes are a three-pronged effort for the University to gain state accreditation for the architecture program.

Four schools in Ohio have accredited programs: Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati.

"BG's trying to position itself to be the fifth," said Stan Guidera, an associate professor in architecture.

This will allow the University to effectively compete with the other accredited Ohio universities in architecture.

"This elevates it certainly up the food chain," he said.

But the program will be an improvement for students as well.

The standard undergraduate degree is a bachelor of science in architecture, Guidera said.

Right now, students can only specialize in architecture within a technology degree, and it's only considered a program within the College of Technology.

"The profession is changing

and that means they're looking for specific skills," said Andreas Luescher, an associate professor in architecture.

Lescher said the degree name change clarifies for potential graduate schools that students have the certain skills needed for the job, like specific computer skills, design technique, theory and practice.

"It will allow them to compete more effectively for a grad degree," Guidera said.

The master's program will also allow graduate students to compete for jobs, Guidera said.

Students currently work with professors who are also registered architects, but the master's program would have two additional full-time faculty members, according to the proposal prepared by the architecture/environmental design studies faculty.

Since graduate studies in architecture are in high demand, Guidera said these extra faculty and other costs would be paid for by the program itself.

"[A] graduate school of architecture is very selective," he said. "We'll have no problem filling spaces."

## SHOOTING SOME HOOPS



ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

**BASKETBALL:** Freshmen Tyler Solenthaler, Tim Smith and Chris Ashkar practice shooting baskets in Eppler South yesterday. "We had nothing else to do, we're just practicing," Ashkar said.

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school district's financial stability.

"That's no small thing," he said. Bowling Green City Schools is one of four school districts in Wood and Lucas counties that achieved perfect ratings in 30 out of 30 possible categories, Caumartin said. The other school districts in the area include Sylvania, Ottawa Hills and Perrysburg.

"One thing we all have in common is financial stability," he said. "We can continue to have these standards, which is where most of the districts around Bowling Green are, or higher."

Lauren Rex, a freshman at the University and 2008 graduate of Bowling Green High School, said she will vote for the levy tomorrow.

"Once I learned what the money would be for, I thought it would be a good idea," she said. "However, I wish they would update the high school."

The levy, if passed, would not help to create more programs at Bowling Green City Schools but would help keep the programs that are already in place.

"We need to continue providing the current educational programming we have in place," Melchi said.

Today, Bowling Green will be one of 162 Ohio school districts with a levy on a ballot.

"I know this isn't the best time to run a levy request, but we need it now," Caumartin said.

## GET A LIFE

Some events taken from events.bgu.edu

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**GFS Education Seminar**

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# FORUM

"Letting people talk on their cell phones while they drive is like letting people drive after they have had three or four beers."  
— Bob McOmber, Bowling Green city councilman, on the proposition to ban cell phone use while driving [see story pg. 1].

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 4

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you think is the biggest distraction while driving?



"The person sitting next to me or other people in the car."

**AMANDA SCHANK,**  
Junior,  
Intervention Specialist



"All the fine looking women in short skirts outside."

**BRYSON CHAMBERS,**  
Junior,  
Education



"The radio because I love singing to Taylor Swift songs."

**STEPHANIE SEIM,**  
Sophomore,  
Education



"Cell phones because when you're [talking] you're not thinking about what you're doing."

**NICK RUHLY,**  
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**BEAUTIFUL VIEW:** Looking out over the Ljubljana river from a bridge in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

ALISON KEMP | THE BG NEWS

## Travelin' the Globe:

Despite bad transportation and being robbed, Alison enjoyed Slovenia



**ALISON KEMP**  
TRAVEL COLUMNIST

**SALZBURG, Austria** — What my friend Janice and I thought would be a simple trip to Ljubljana (lyoob-lyee-AH-nah), the capital of Slovenia, turned out to be anything but simple.

A theft, lots of transportation hassles and what we felt was a rather pathetic police force left us with an impression of this actually quite charming capital city that will be hard to break.

When we got to the train station Friday morning, our train wasn't listed on the departure board. After some research, we discovered the final two carriages of a train heading to Klagenfurt in southern Austria will be taken

from that train in Villach, also in southern Austria, and headed towards Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, with a stop in Ljubljana.

We knew we could handle this, but then found out the precaution wasn't necessary because our direct train wouldn't be direct anymore.

There was construction on the tracks between Salzburg and Villach, so we had to change from our train to a bus to avoid the construction and get on another train, then change again to the train to Ljubljana.

Our four-and-a-quarter-hour long relaxing and sleep-filled train ride came closer to five and wasn't peaceful at all.

When we finally made it to where our hostel was supposed to be, we couldn't find it, as there was no sign sticking out from the building. Once we did find it, we were not disappointed with

our choice. The hostel was actually really new and clean (and the bathrooms had hand soap, which is bonus points in the world of hostels).

Janice and I unpacked and headed to their castle, which is definitely more of a fortress than a castle. As we were walking up the hill, the sky started darkening. The forecasted rain was approaching and we were without umbrellas and coats. We took shelter in the castle after the lightning started striking and the rain started bellowing down on us.

We were minding our own business when we spotted a group of guys talking about us in an unrecognizable language. I decided Janice and I should stop speaking English, because we really didn't want to talk to them, and we hoped they wouldn't know German. They tried whatever language they were speaking, plus French and English. Fortunately, they couldn't speak German, though they did try, and they couldn't recognize our

American accents.

After that incident, we decided we needed dinner and found a Mexican restaurant. The burritos were fantastic, but then it doesn't take much because we're pretty deprived of Mexican cuisine here.

We left Cafe Romeo, which we would recommend to anyone visiting Ljubljana, to get coats and returned to the city center looking for a cafe or bar to get something to drink.

We picked Macek, which means cat in Slovene, for its wonderful riverside seating — perfect for people watching. We saw some great finds and were telling great stories when I noticed a homeless man we saw earlier approaching. I wasn't going to say anything to Janice because when we ignored him at dinner, he left us alone.

But this time around, he reached his arm out and as he said, "Hola," grabbed Janice's clutch and bolted. Janice yelled and ran and I got up as well. Everyone moved out of the way



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**GAZE OF THE DRAGON:** A dragon statue on a bridge looks over the Ljubljana river.

even more important than that was the fact that her phone was her only means of contacting a guy she really likes.

Finally the police arrived, though they didn't say anything to us. They spoke only with a bartender and looked as if they were ready to leave without even asking Janice her name so her belongings could be returned if found.

We noticed these officers didn't have any defensive equipment with them, which was disappointing. What if we saw the thief? How would they stop him?

I finally spoke up and they motioned for us to head out to their car with them. Neither spoke much English, so we had to go to the police station to wait for someone who could talk to us.

We explained the situation to an officer who looked a little more official. She was ready to

to let the thief through, rather than doing anything to stop him.

He was surprisingly fast for a beggar. We returned to the bar and they called the police for us.

Fortunately, Janice didn't have any important documents or much money in her clutch. The item of importance was her phone, which could easily be sold on the black market, but

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# Summer is here, along with bad television



MARISHA  
PIETROWSKI  
COLUMNIST

Anyone reading this is probably doing so to distract themselves from final projects or studying (at least that's one purpose of mine in writing this column). Also, I have a feeling everyone's inundated with panic over the economy and the H1N1 flu, so I'll discuss something that won't ruin your life.

It's nearing the end of the television season, so it's time for networks to announce their summer and fall schedules. Depending on your taste in television, this can either be a time of relief or sadness. Networks may announce your favorite shows are returning and you'll have something to look forward to amongst the stress of school. Usually for me, however, May sweeps bring about the series finales of enjoyable shows and annoyance at the networks who cancel them.

It happens every single year — shows with a small fan base but potential to improve their ratings through writing and acting growth are axed in favor of more "audience friendly" fanfare.

I attempt to take a "to each his own" approach when it comes to television tastes, but when I saw a promising new show like "The Unusuals" will likely be cancelled and its network, ABC, will be stuffing their schedule with reality shows such as "Wipeout," it makes me a little sad.

These days I often find myself asking, "Why even bother watching a new show?" Networks treat their new shows like a revolving door and it's difficult to become interested in a show if you have that feeling deep in the back of your mind that it will be cancelled.

When I began watching "The Unusuals," I thought to myself "well, this is a show that isn't perfect, but I will keep watching because I think it has a lot of potential — potential it will never reach because it will be cancelled."

Today, it's become a lot easier to become a fan of a television show after its premiere through Internet streaming sites and DVD releases. If a show is cancelled after a limited run, it is often before any late discoveries can be made and the ratings have the chance to increase.

Let's say a new comedy with a cast of unknowns premieres on a major network to less than enthusiastic critical praise and lackluster viewers. However,

the network sees promise in the show, and decides against cancelling it for a laugh-tracked formulaic comedy.

This show is called "The Office," and NBC acted with better judgment and kept it on the schedule because they believed the show could improve. Season two of "The Office" is often viewed as the season's strongest by fans and won the Best Comedy Emmy. If NBC had acted in their normal fashion, that season wouldn't have existed.

If something is good, it's likely people will eventually flock to it. While not the most-watched television show today, the ratings and profile of "The Office" have dramatically increased from the 2005 premiere, and this would not have happened if NBC had decided to only give it one shot.

This situation is about to get worse next fall. Rather than allowing for new scripted television that fans can flock to next year, NBC will be removing at least five of their primetime shows from their schedule.

Seemingly terrified Jay Leno would move to a rival network, NBC will set a precedent by having Leno host a late night comedy talk show five nights a week at 10 p.m. because it is cheaper to produce than scripted dramas.

There's nothing wrong with latenight talkshows when they're on late, not during primetime when unique content is supposed to air. How is NBC supposed to prove they offer a wide variety of quality programming when a third of their primetime slots revolve around one man interviewing celebrities?

In addition to Leno's show, The New York Times is reporting NBC will likely feature "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update segments on primetime next season.

I feel Weekend Update often runs too long as is when it airs on SNL, and now they want to stretch it out 22 additional minutes during the week. Sure, it may have worked the few weeks they did it last year, but that was when they had plenty of election momentum on their side. Now it just seems to be a way for NBC to save money by overworking an already employed writing staff and not having to put up overhead on set design.

Television isn't something to worry about, and I realize that. However, when you can't enjoy your escape from reality due to asinine decisions by network executives, it's worth noting.

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## KEMP

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send us home (no ride back to our hostel was offered) when we expressed our concern with entering our building because there's a keypad that requires a code, and the paper with the code written on it was in Janice's clutch. The officer assured us there would be someone at the desk who would be able to let us in, even though we told her the desk is closed from 11 to 8.

Low and behold, no one was at the desk to let us in. Fortunately, my not-so-good memory saved us from sitting in the hallway until someone else returned to the hostel.

After some sleep, we headed back to the city center, discussing how we'd attack our thief if we saw him and how we would find Janice's guy, Wolfgang, once we got back to Salzburg.

The journalist in me emerged, thinking of all the ways we could search for someone she doesn't have a picture of and whose last

name we don't know.

I feel like Drew Barrymore in "Never Been Kissed," writing this column about a guy she is trying to find, but I know we won't be able to find Wolfgang with this.

We're calling our quest Operation Wolfgang, and it officially opened Sunday night.

Looking back on our weekend, we did have an okay time in Ljubljana when you exclude all of our mishaps. The old town was enjoyable and the city tour and boat ride was really informative. I had the best gnocchi I've

ever had from Zlata Ribica and we found a dessert bar (Zvezda Kavarna) that tops all the cafes in Salzburg, which is saying a lot. And the people watching was perfect, mostly because it wasn't too hard to find comment-worthy outfits and hairstyles.

So with that, deciding to visit Ljubljana is up to you. Just watch out for the beggar with a red cap and backpack.

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## SIDELINES



### BASKETBALL Roos named "Rising Coach"

Women's basketball associate coach Jennifer Roos was named one of five "Rising Coaches" by basketballcoop.com. Coaches were evaluated in the following areas: Recruiting, Player Development, Team Development/Scouting, Leadership and Administration. Winners were picked through a fan vote.

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### Today in Sports History

**1995**—Magic beat the Celtics at the final game in Boston Gardens.  
**1969**—Boston beats the Lakers in seven games for the NBA title.  
**1912**—Stockholm Olympic games open.

## The List

In his sixth NBA season, LeBron James became the third youngest player to win the MVP. Today, we list five great stats from LeBron this season:

- 1. FG percentage:** LeBron set a career-high in field goal percentage with .489, making 789-of-1613 shots. Last season, James shot 48.4 percent from the field.
- 2. Double doubles:** LeBron almost matched his career-high in double doubles with 29. Last season, he had 31 double doubles in six less games.
- 3. Triple Doubles:** James also did well in the triple double category, leading the NBA with seven. That total also matches his career high.
- 4. Rebounds:** With 7.6 rebounds per game, James just edged teammate Zydrunas Ilgauskas (7.6) for the team lead.
- 5. Assists:** LeBron's 7.2 assists per game easily paced the team with Mo Williams in second with 4.1.



## MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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# Rounding out the year

Schneider shines as Falcons struggle to low finish at MAC Championships

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

The Falcon men's golf season ended this past weekend on a disappointing note with the team finishing eighth out of nine teams competing in the 2009 Mid-American Conference Championships at the Brickyard Crossing golf course in Indianapolis, Ind.

"We finished eighth, but I thought we played better than that," said BG coach Garry Winger.

The bright spot for the

team was junior captain Matt Schneider. Schneider finished in a tie for fifth with an even par 288 for the four round tournament. "I thought I did as much as I could," Schneider said. "[The tournament as a whole] really didn't shape up the way we wanted."

Schneider's performance garnered him All-Tournament honors and was the only member of the All-Tournament team whose team did not finish each first or second.

Schneider was also honored by the conference with First Team



**Matt Schneider**  
Was named to the All-Tournament team

All-MAC honors. He was named MAC Golfer of the Week three times, averaging 73.82 strokes per round.

"Very proud of Matt," Winger said. "We haven't had [a first team All-MAC performer] since Nick Myers in 1995."

Schneider mentioned that he



**Drew Preston**  
Was second on the team as the MAC Championships

knew he was probably on the border of first or second team All-MAC and wanted a good performance at this tournament to put it over the edge.

Despite Schneider's stellar performance, the team was never really in contention for the overall team title — which was won

by Kent State with a collective score of 16 under par 1,136.

The Golden Flashes dominated the tournament in both individual and team phases. The KSU collective four round score of 1,136 was better than the second place team, Eastern Michigan, by 19 strokes.

The Flashes also dominated the individual portion of the tournament with four members placing in the top five of the tournament.

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## LeBron brings home MVP

Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

AKRON — Unstoppable at both ends of the floor this season, LeBron James claimed the league MVP yesterday, receiving the award in the high school gym where he first made his name.

The Cleveland Cavaliers star won what some expected to be a close vote in a slam dunk. He received 109 of a possible 121 first-place votes to easily outdistance Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers. James totaled 1,172 points in balloting by media members in the U.S. and Canada.

Bryant, last year's winner, got two first-place votes and finished with 698 points. Miami guard Dwyane Wade was third with 680 points and was named first on seven ballots. Orlando center Dwight Howard (328) was fourth followed by New Orleans guard Chris Paul (192).

James is the first Cavaliers player to win the award. He averaged 28.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 7.2 assists this season, his sixth as a pro. He also finished second in voting for defensive player of the year, making him perhaps the league's most dominant two-way player since Michael Jordan.

"You look at the guys who



FRANK FRANKLIN II | AP PHOTO

**MVP:** LeBron James does his famous chalk toss before a game this season. Yesterday, James was named the NBA MVP.

have won this award — Michael Jordan, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Dr. J, Oscar Robertson. All these guys laid down the path for guys like myself and Kobe Bryant, Chris Paul, Dwight Howard and Dwyane Wade to name a few," James said in accepting the award at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

James credited his teammates,

who were present with coach Mike Brown to see him accept the award, for raising their games in the Cavaliers' best season ever.

"Individual accolades come when team success happens," James said. "You look at those 14 guys over there, I got the award

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## Mine That Bird will race in the Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mine That Bird is headed to the Preakness.

The trainer of the gelding who won the Kentucky Derby at 50-1 odds said his horse will run in the May 16 Preakness at Pimlico, the second leg of the Triple Crown.

"I've never been to Baltimore, but it looks like I won't be able to say that in a few days," trainer Bennie Woolley Jr. said yesterday.

Woolley said the horse will remain at Churchill Downs in Louisville at least until May 12 before shipping to Baltimore. He jogged a mile at Churchill yesterday morning and will have light jogs each of the next two days.

Woolley said there are no plans for the horse to have a full workout before the Preakness.

Mine That Bird, ridden by Calvin Borel, won the Derby by

6 3/4 lengths over Pioneerof the Nile — the largest margin of victory since Assault in 1946.

On Sunday, a day after the big upset, Woolley said there's "no obligation" to go to the Preakness and added: "You've got to do what's best for the horse and the horse has got to come first."

And the horse has given every indication he came out of the race in good order.

"The Triple Crown is good for racing, and without the Derby winner, there is no chance to have one," he said.

The last Derby winner to skip the Preakness was an injured Grindstone in 1996. The last healthy Derby winner to miss it

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MORRY GASH | AP PHOTO

**NEXT UP:** Mine That Bird will indeed run at the Preakness after a day of thought.



GAVIN JACKSON | THE LIMA NEWS, VIA AP

**DAY OF SADNESS AND JOY:** Tim Berta, the lone survivor of the 2009 graduating class from the Bluffton baseball bus crash, reacts during the ceremony.

## Bluffton baseball crash survivor graduates

BLUFFTON (AP) — Two years ago, Tim Berta was fighting to survive head injuries that left him in a coma following a bus crash that killed five Bluffton University baseball players.

A year later, he was learning to walk and read again.

Now he's a college graduate and planning to go to nursing school.

"When they told me I would never do it, that just fueled me, because if you tell me, 'You're not ever going to do this,' well, I'm going to do it," he said.

Doctors didn't think Berta, 24, of Ida, Mich., would ever walk again, let alone finish the four courses he needed to get his biology degree.

He was just two months from graduating in March 2007 when the Florida-bound bus he was on with the team plunged off a freeway overpass in Atlanta. Of those who survived, Berta's injuries were the worst.

He suffered critical damage to areas of his brain that control his muscles and speech. He also broke all of his ribs on the left side, his collarbone and a shoulder blade.

He eventually recovered and learned to walk again. He completed his degree by taking classes online.

On Sunday, Berta walked onto a stage at Bluffton wearing a cap and gown and received a standing ovation.

University president James

Harder said it seemed like a miracle that Berta was able to graduate. "Based on his own strength and his own determination he's achieved his diploma, but he's also inspired all of us," Harder said.

Berta was a catcher his first two years at Bluffton before he decided to concentrate on school and football. But he stayed involved with the baseball team as a student coach. That's why he was with the team when the bus crashed.

The National Transportation Safety Board later said that confusing highway signs and driver error contributed to the accident. Investigators said the bus driver who also died in the crash along with his wife mistook an exit ramp for a regular highway lane, crashing the bus into a concrete barrier before it flipped off the overpass and fell 30 feet back onto Interstate 75.

Doctors weren't sure Berta would live through the night. He spent more than three months in hospitals in Atlanta and Ohio before going home.

He still goes to therapy three times a week and says he'll keep with it until his therapists are tired of seeing him.

"Every single day I make small gains and they're waiting for that day when they don't see any more improvement and that's not going to happen as of right now," he said. "It just keeps getting better and better as I go on."





WE'RE A TEAM: Cavs teammates gather around LeBron James' (right) MVP trophy.

AMY SANCETTA | AP PHOTO

## LEBRON

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because of them. They put in the work."

At 24 years, 106 days on the final day of the regular season, James is the youngest player to win the award since Moses Malone (24 years, 16 days) in 1978-79. Wes Unseld was 23 when he won it in 1968-69.

"I'm 24 years old. To be up here and win this MVP award, I never thought it would happen this fast. I always dreamed about celebrating championships with teammates," James said.

"It takes a lot of sweat," said Cleveland general manager Danny Ferry. "I'm sure he did a lot of sweating right here. I've been fortunate enough to watch him sweat the past four years when no one else was around. I just want to acknowledge that and give it a round of applause."

James vied all season for MVP honors with Bryant and Wade. The three played on the U.S. gold medalist Olympic team last summer and seemed to upstage each other nightly.

"He deserved it," Wade said. "I said all year, I thought LeBron was the MVP of this league. He's a guy who every year is going to be in that conversation. ... He showed it all year, especially with his team's success."

Focused right from the start, the 6-foot-8, 250-pound James sharpened his already formidable skills this season.

He started a career-high 81 games and set personal bests in field-goal (49) and free-throw (79) percentages as well as blocks (93). James became the second player to post five straight seasons of at least 27 points, six rebounds and six assists. The other is Oscar Robertson, whose extraordinarily versatile game is the one to which James' is most often compared.

James nearly averaged a triple-double — 32 points, 11.3 rebounds and 7.5 assists—as the top-seeded Cavaliers breezed through the first round of the playoffs, sweeping the Detroit Pistons in four games. Cleveland will host the Atlanta Hawks in Game 1 today.

It's no surprise James would select his high school for the ceremony. It's where he won three state basketball championships and where he burst onto the national scene, becoming a Sports Illustrated cover subject at just 17 years old. He announced plans to skip college in the Fighting Irish's quaint gym and recently filmed a "60 Minutes" interview there, where his retired No. 23 jersey hangs on a wall.

A few days after the Cavaliers were eliminated in last year's Eastern Conference semifinals, losing a Game 7 in Boston, James

got back in the gym.

Despite scoring 45 points in the finale, James didn't feel he had done enough to get his team past the Celtics. So he went to work. He spent endless hours at the Cavaliers' training facility working on his jump shot, which has never looked better or been more accurate. He practiced finishing at the rim with his left hand, making him nearly impossible to stop inside.

James also began lifting weights like never before, adding muscle to his considerable frame. Then, once he began working out with the Olympic team, James set out to refine his defensive game and became an elite stopper, often guarding the other team's best player—regardless of position.

In a league of remarkable athletes, James, with his package of power and speed, may well stand alone.

"His leaping ability with his strength and explosion, he's by himself," said Cavaliers assistant coach Chris Jent, who spent most of last summer working with James. "We don't have anyone in the league like him. Baseline to baseline he has to be the fastest or one of the fastest guys ever, and he can do it with the ball."

"And then once he gets there, his jumping is up there—maybe by himself. That combination along with his mental attitude and aggressiveness make him unguardable."

## GOLF

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KSU's John Hahn won the tournament with a nine under par 279. Hahn's teammates Brett Cairns and Mackenzie Hughes finished in second and third with a five under par 283 and two under par 286 collectively.

The fourth dominant Golden Flash was Nick Latimer who finished in a tie with Schneider at even par for the tournament.

"It seems [Kent State and Eastern Michigan] dominate every year," Schneider said speaking on the fact that he was the only member of the All-Tournament team not from one of those two schools.

While the Golden Flashes dominated, the Falcons couldn't really get anything going to the point where contention for a title was in reach.

**"It should never happen but it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. I know John has learned from it and will never do it again."**

Garry Winger | Coach

After Schneider's performance of even par 288 for the tournament, the next-highest finishing Falcon was freshmen Drew Preston—who finished in a tie for 25th with a 12 over par 300.

The other freshmen, Parker Hewit, finished one stroke behind Preston with a 13 over par 301. Bryan Mitchell rounded out the Falcon scoring with a 21 over par score of 309 which was good for 41st place.

The Falcons only had four scores count due to junior captain John Powers being disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard in the final round in which he posted a 72.

Had the 72 counted, it would have been Powers' best score of the tournament by seven strokes.

"Just a bad week for me," Powers said. "I got a little distracted when they were signing and just missed it."

"All in all I think I let the team down in every round."

Powers mentioned that the team is counting on him to post good scores and that he'll work hard in the summer so that it doesn't happen again.

"It should never happen but it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Winger said. "I know John has learned from it and will never do it again."



MIKE FISHER | AP PHOTO

**RUNNIN':** Mine That Bird runs during the Kentucky Derby. His next race will be the Preakness on May 16.

## DERBY

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was Spend A Buck in 1985.

Other Derby horses expected to take on Mine That Bird are fourth-place finisher Papa Clem and possibly Pioneer of the Nile, third-place Musket Man, Join in the Dance (seventh) and General Quarters (10th).

Potential newcomers include Delta Jackpot winner Big Drama, Withers winner Mr.

Fantasy, Take the Points and Miner's Escape.

The Preakness is limited to 14 starters.

The big question, of course, is whether Mine That Bird can win the Preakness and set up a Triple Crown attempt in the Belmont Stakes on June 6. The last Triple Crown winner was Affirmed in 1978.

Borel said he'll be more than happy to take a shot.

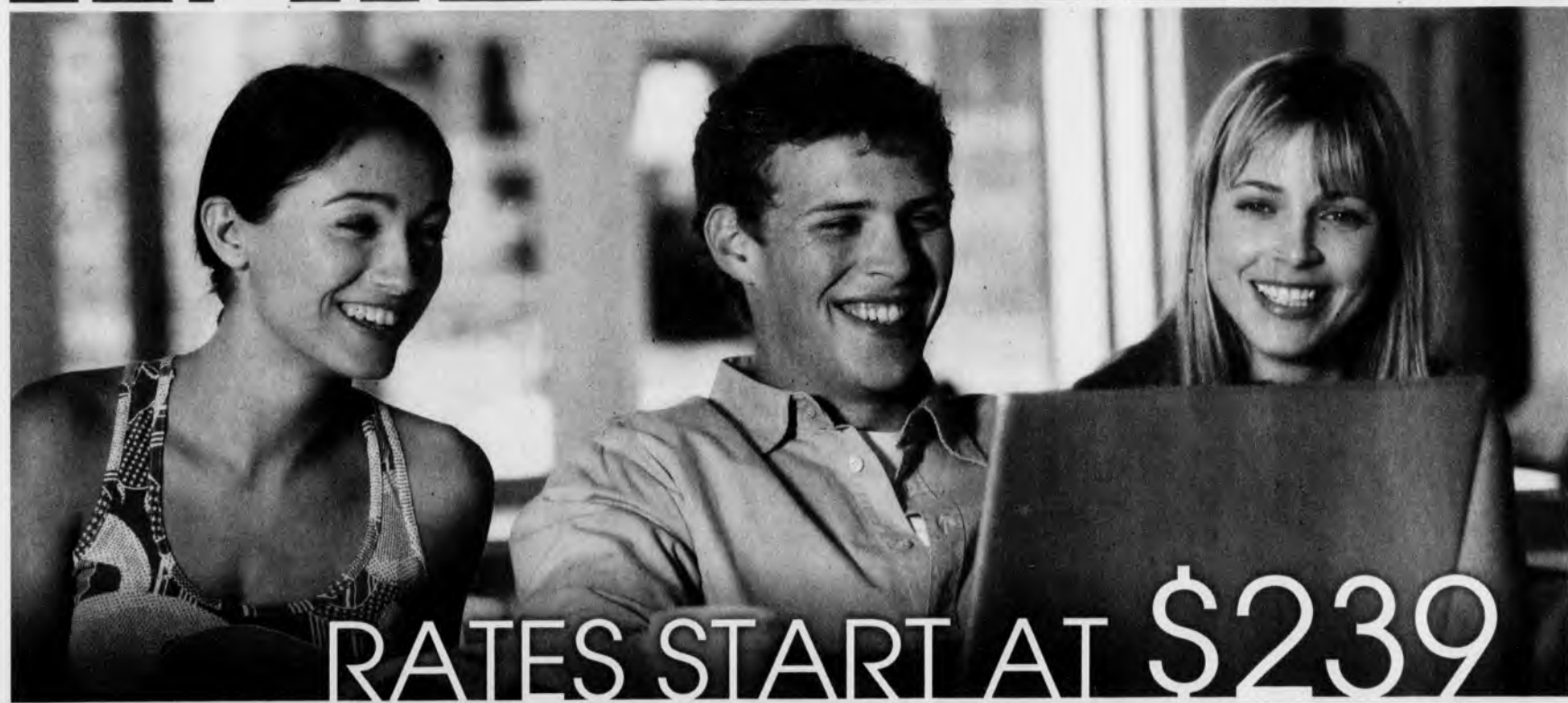
"He's plenty of horse," he said. Pioneer of the Nile's trainer

Bob Baffert had some advice for Woolley and owners Mark Allen and Leonard Blach on Sunday: if Mine That Bird is OK, go for it.

"This is a dream of a lifetime," Baffert said. "I hope he comes out of it well and they go and maybe he's for real. We're going to find out."

Last year, Big Brown won the Derby and the Preakness, but finished last in the Belmont after being pulled up on the turn for home.

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**STATIONED:** A U.S. army soldier belonging to Bandit Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, briefs his Iraqi army colleagues while on patrol in east Baghdad, Iraq, with a view from urban areas, a spokesman said.

## Iraq enforces withdrawal deadline

By Robert H. Reid  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Yesterday, Iraq's government ruled out allowing U.S. combat troops to remain in Iraqi cities after the June 30 deadline for their withdrawal, despite concern that Iraqi forces cannot cope with the security challenge following a resurgence of bombings in recent weeks.

Asking U.S. forces to stay in the cities, including volatile Mosul in the north, would be embarrassing for Iraq's prime minister, who has staked his political future on claims that the country has turned the corner in the war against Sunni and Shiite extremists.

The departure of heavily armed combat troops from bases inside the cities is important psychologically to many Iraqis, who are eager to regain control of their country after six years of war and U.S. military occupation.

U.S. officials played down the Iraqi decision, with Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman saying it's up to the Iraqi government to request an extension of the U.S. presence in the cities and "we intend to fully abide by" terms of the security agreement.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, told reporters yesterday that violence had not risen to a level that would force a change in the withdrawal schedule.

Last month, however, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. Raymond Odierno, said he was worried that Iraqi forces won't be ready to assume full responsibility for Mosul by the end of June.

Privately, some U.S. officers fear the Iraqis may lose control of Mosul within a few months after American forces pull out of Iraq's third largest city, where al-Qaida and other Sunni militants remain active.

The U.S.-Iraq security agreement that took effect this year calls for American combat troops to leave urban areas by the end of June, with all U.S. forces out of the country by the end of 2011.

But a series of high-profile bombings has raised questions whether Iraqi forces can assume more security responsibilities, especially in Mosul.

Nationwide, at least 451 people were killed in political violence last month, compared with 335 in March, 288 in February and 242 in January, according to an Associated Press tally.

Even in Baghdad, where violence is down sharply from levels of two years ago, attacks are continuing.

## Swine flu still an epidemic

By David Koop  
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican officials lowered their swine flu alert level in the capital yesterday and said they will allow cafes, museums and libraries to reopen this week, even as world health officials weighed raising their pandemic alert to the highest level.

Mexican officials declared the epidemic to be waning at its epicenter, announcing that tomorrow will conclude a five-day closure of nonessential businesses they credit for reducing the spread of the new virus. They haven't decided when to reopen schools nationwide, saying inspections are necessary before students can return to class.

Global health officials urged countries to remain vigilant because the outbreak's spread around the world remains in its early stages, but there were no imminent plans to raise the pandemic alert level.

Raising the alert level to 6, the highest, would mean that a global outbreak of swine flu is under way. WHO uses the term

**"We do not know how long we have until we move to Phase 6 ..."**

Margaret Chan | WHO head

pandemic to refer to geographic spread rather than severity. Pandemics aren't necessarily deadly. The past two pandemics — in 1957 and 1968 — were relatively mild.

"We do not know how long we will have until we move to Phase 6," said Margaret Chan, head of the World Health Organization. "We are not there yet. The criteria will be met when we see in another region outside North America, showing very clear evidence of community-level transmission."

WHO declares a level 5 alert when it believes a global outbreak is "imminent." Though Mexican authorities believe the outbreak may have peaked there, WHO maintains it is still too early to tell if the outbreak is slowing down.

## Karzai chooses warlord for running mate

Human rights groups dismayed at the pick

By Jason Straziuso  
The Associated Press

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai chose a powerful warlord accused of rights abuses as one of his vice presidential running mates yesterday, hours before leaving for meetings in Washington with President Barack Obama and Pakistan's president.

The selection of Mohammad Qasim Fahim, a top commander in the militant group Jamiat-e-Islami during Afghanistan's 1990s civil war, drew immediate criticism from human rights groups.

A 2005 Human Rights Watch report, "Blood-Stained Hands," found "credible and consistent evidence of widespread and systematic human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law" were committed by Jamiat commanders, including Fahim.

Karzai was "insulting the country" with the choice, the New York-based group said yesterday.

Fahim served as Karzai's first vice president during the country's interim government put in place after the ouster of the Taliban in the 2001 U.S.-led invasion. During the 2004 election, Karzai dropped Fahim from his ticket in favor of Ahmad Zia Massoud — the brother of resistance hero Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was assassinated by al-Qaida two days before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Under Afghan law, the president has two vice presidents.

"To see Fahim back in the heart of government would be a terrible step backwards for Afghanistan," said Brad Adams, the group's Asia director. "He is widely believed by many Afghans to be still involved in many illegal activities, including running armed militias, as well as giving cover to criminal gangs and drug traffickers."

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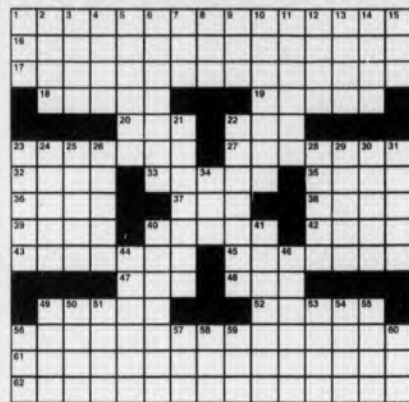
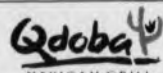
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- Shadow
- Gig component
- Turner of music
- Groovy toy?
- Knocks off
- Record for later
- Radar purchases?
- "Humboldt's Gift" author Bellow
- Skip
- Eastern philosophy
- "Young Frankenstein" lab assistant
- Drawn things
- Monopoly deed sextet
- Corner
- Agents of biochemical change
- Contemporary of Lucille

- Me, summer setting
- Decimal meas.
- Got to
- Lassie was rarely seen on one
- Responded in kind, in a way
- Vague putoff
- Post under a hood

- Grunts
- Lifesavers, for short
- Plantation near Twelve Oaks
- Plethora
- Stickpin kin
- Place to put your dogs up?
- NBA scores
- 1969 Peace Prize-winning agcy.
- Ring leader?
- NYC hospital since 1858
- Joined (with)
- Comeback, perhaps
- One who's often not himself?
- Scotch partner
- WWII arena
- Course admission requirement, perhaps
- Dumb
- Ripped off
- Dancer José
- Short-lived '90s Disney president
- Hotsy-
- Exploiting
- Where standing is ill-advised
- "You don't Superman's cape Jim Croce lyric
- Quench
- Dynasty after the Qin
- Venison source
- Place of refinement?
- Lover's message
- Bandit feature?
- Greek vowel
- Sign of disuse
- Boater's unit
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- Large organ
- Blood: Pref.
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